

Blue. Attorney A. H. M. present and explained to the court that Blue had been cheated by the man having the contract for doing scavenger work. The matter of finding whether there was \$40 or \$120 Blue was referred to the finance committee.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted: That the street superintendent be directed to repair the board sidewalk on the west side of Church street north of Pugh street.

That the street superintendent be directed to put a crossing at the intersection of Charles and Sangamon streets on the north side of Sangamon street.

## "THE SCARLET LETTER"

Studied and Discussed by the Sorosis Division.

The Longfellow program which was announced for the Sorosis division on Sunday afternoon was postponed on account of the absence of Mrs. Gouge, who had one of the subjects for discussion, from the city, and an essay on Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter," given by Mrs. Eugenia Gouge, was substituted. The subject of "The Problems of the Scarlet Letter," as set forth by Roger Chillingworth. The thoughts suggested by the excellent description of the life including the belief in witchcraft, and the effect of the incident on the action of the individual. The subject of Mrs. Gouge's essay was "The Action of the Sorosis on Revenge, When Given Control of the Human Part."

The subject for the discussion that followed was "Was the Humiliation of Roger Dimmesdale Real or Affected?" The program was an intensely interesting one. It was followed by the usual spelling match.

## NEW MEMBERS.

Three new names have been placed on the board for application to membership into the club, making 58 in that have been added since the 1st of September. They are Miss Maude Gouge, Miss Alberta Whitmer and Mr. R. G. Davidson.

## METROPOLITAN STARS.

Mr. Berry's Troupe Left Today—Show at Monticello Tonight.

The theatrical troupe which Miles Berry will take out on the road for the season was completed today and company will give a performance at Monticello tonight. Mr. Berry and his private car, which will be used for reception room, dining room, and sleeping apartments for the entire company, on the site track between I. D. & W. yards for the past days, during which time he has been organizing his company. The car was used during the early part of the season by the United Miners, whose name embellished the car in conspicuous letters. This was supplanted by the Metropolitan Stars, the name of Mr. Berry's company.

Mr. Berry is an experienced man in show business. For several years he has advanced agent and railroad conductor for the La Pearl company. He has the intention to play the larger part, but as the start is made late in season when many of the larger companies are booked to the limit, the trip includes the smaller ones. The company will play at Monticello tomorrow from there go to Sullivan, then to Kentucky and some of the southern

company will consist of 15 people, of whom are residents of Decatur. They are Charles Farnsey, Mr. Senor Rossi, otherwise Frank the juggler; Mr. Fred Owens, a Decatur people, as Fred sketch artist, and Mr. Owen's

## Christmas Presents.

There is nothing so lasting and refreshing as the gift of a yearly subscription to good magazines or periodicals. We take subscriptions for ladies' Home Journal in combination with the Saturday Evening Post per year, instead of \$4, and to other magazines, mailed to any place in the world. We are meeting with list combinations.

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117 North Water Street.

## Fire Alarm.

The Shellbarger Mill and Electric Co. plant a private fire alarm has been put in. On each floor is a place where an alarm can be given in direct to the Morgan fire house. All that is necessary to do in order to turn in an alarm is to break a glass globe which is a small cap and the pressure of the causes the alarm to be sounded.

There doesn't always make a man. Some very large beetles are found.

## BAKING POWDER

and wholesome

## TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

## GEN. SHAFTER

Tells All About the Santiago Campaign.

## ASSUMES ALL RESPONSIBILITY

The Cuban War was a Huge Success, Cheap at the Loss of 500 Lives in the Engagements.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—General Shafter appeared unexpectedly before the war investigation commission Tuesday afternoon and told his story of the Santiago expedition. Briefly summed up, his estimate of the expedition was that it had been a military success and cheap at a cost of 500 men lost in the fight. He considered the expedition well fitted out as the time would permit and in looking back had no criticism of his plans to make and would not change them if the events had to be gone through again. He said he had no complaints of any sort to make. General Shafter detailed the preparations for the expedition. He said the transport fleet was not sufficiently large to accommodate the 17,000 men for any length of time, but that all were anxious to go that he risked considerable crowding to take all possible.

As to the medical supplies, the witness said: "You know the medical supplies are one thing the commanding general for the line officer never knows anything about. The surgeon is supposed to know what he wants. My medical officer said that he thought he had enough medical supplies for the temporary service to which we thought we were destined. The events proved, however, that the surgeon was mistaken."

As to the supplies, Shafter said nothing essential was left behind.

"How about the ambulances?"

"As to these ambulances," said General Shafter, "I take it the whole responsibility is on myself. I ordered and supervised their loading. After events proved that it would have been better to have taken 10 or 15 additional ambulances and left that many wagons behind. But wagons can be used for different purposes and ambulances can be used but for one. I took the wagons and the wounded had to be transported in them after the first day's fight. On the rocky road there was but little difference in the comfort of the ambulance and the escort wagon. The men were put on straw in the bottom and we did the best we could for them. The ambulances would have been better, but then hindsight is always better than foresight."

General Shafter said that one time, with an army of 21,000 men he had to issue rations to 40,000 people, the excess being for refugees from Santiago, women and children for the most part whom he could not allow to starve.

As to the wounded, Shafter said they were cared for as carefully as the circumstances would permit.

"The doctors worked like Trojans. They deserved and received commendation from every one."

Asked if he thought his own sickness had any effect on the success of the campaign, Shafter said: "No, most decidedly. The campaign was carried out as planned from the start and my sickness did not alter a single plan. I knew I was going to have a sick army on my hands in that country pretty soon, and simply rushed the matter to an issue as soon as possible. For myself, I was not seriously ill, but had the goat so bad I had to wrap my foot up and could not get it in the stirrup, so I had to build a platform from which to get on my horse. But I certainly had not expected to be subjected to personal criticism for this. It was a military necessity."

Captain Hardy, of the 5th Illinois, whose regiment was the first to arrive at Camp Thomas, testified that after the first few days there was no difficulty in obtaining rations. In the division hospital he found the conditions decidedly bad, but the hospital arrangements was the only thing he had any cause to complain of. He

said: "The very name of the first division hospital used to send a shudder through the men."

## QUEEN LIL'S CLAIM

Seeks to Retain Possession of the "Crown Lands."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani sent to the Senate yesterday the following protest against the appropriation of the crown lands of Hawaii by the United States: "To the Senate of the United States: I, Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, named here apparent on the 10th day of April, 1877, and proclaimed queen of the Hawaiian Islands on the 30th day of January, 1891, do hereby earnestly and respectfully protest against the assertion of ownership by the United States of America of the so-called Hawaiian crown lands, amounting to about one million acres, and which are my property, and I especially protest against such assertion of ownership as a taking of property without due process of law and without just or other compensation."

"Therefore, supplementing my protest of June 17, 1897, I call upon the president and the national legislature and the people of the United States to do justice in this matter and to restore to me this property, the enjoyment of which is being withheld from me by your government under what must be a misapprehension of my right and title. (Signed) LILIUOKALANI."

## A DANVILLE GIRL

Niece of Hon. J. G. Cannon Figures in a Pretty Romance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A pretty romance, for the happy ending of which Uncle Sam appears to be responsible, will culminate here December 22. On that date Miss Bessie Cannon, a niece of Hon. J. G. Cannon of Illinois and sister of Dr. Walter D. Cannon of the internal revenue bureau, will be married to Mr. John Herbert Osborne. Both are well known in this city and Indiana, where they have many friends. At his mustered out Mr. Osborne was ordered to Washington, where he is now an attaché of the war department. The wedding will take place at noon at the parsonage of St. Patrick's parish, Rev. Dr. Stafford officiating. A bridal trip in the north will follow.

Several years ago, in Montezuma, Ind., where both spent their childhood, their courtship was interrupted, after which Mr. Osborne traveled extensively throughout Canada and the western part of the United States. Miss Cannon came to Washington and became an employee of the navy department. At the call of troops for the war with Spain Mr. Osborne, who was then a resident of Indianapolis, enlisted in the Indiana signal corps. He was sent with his company to Washington, where he again met Miss Cannon and the courtship was revived.

## THE NEWS.

Happenings Throughout the Country Given in Brief Paragraphs.

It is probable that the president will select a western man to succeed Secretary Bliss.

Sonor Polo y Barumbo may be returned by Spain as minister to Washington.

Senator Mason's sausage bill seems to be bringing Germany to time with a short turn. Berlin newspapers are discussing the bill and assure the people that measures now under consideration by the Reichstag will avoid a conflict.

Samuel Gompers has been re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

At Harrisburg, Ill., Monday night Mrs. John Gibbs gave birth to twins. This is the third pair in five years. All are girls and all are living.

President Patrick Richards of the National Bank at Urbana, late candidate for Congress, is dangerously ill. His recovery is said to be impossible.

## THE MARIA TERESA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Advices from Nassau, N. P., state that the Maria Teresa has broken in two and is rapidly going to pieces in the surf.

## THE TREATY

No Indemnity for the Loss of the Maine.

## POINTS OF THE DOCUMENT

Discussed in Washington by Those Who Have Studied the Seventeen Sections—Likelihood of a Long Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The publication in full of the peace treaty with Spain has given opportunity for its study. Most of the agreement was known already, but one feature attracts special attention. It is that which provides in article 7 that Spain and the United States mutually renounce all claims to national or private indemnity by the subjects of either government which may have arisen from the beginning of the last insurrection in Cuba. This means that the United States will claim no indemnity for the loss of the Maine, and shall judge and settle the claims of its citizens against Spain since February, 1895. Claims filed prior to that year must be determined and paid by Spain. The question arises whether the many million dollars of claims against Spain for damages incurred in the 10 years' war will not prove an entire loss.

In Spain's bankrupt condition it would seem as though a claim against that nation would not be worth 10c on the dollar, but members of the Senate committee on foreign relations say that every claim against Spain previous to February, 1897, in whatever period, shall be presented and pressed with the full support of the United States government. While it may take many years to secure a settlement, Spain at least will be made to acknowledge the justice of these cases that have stood the test of rigid scrutiny by this government.

In the treaty there is no mention of the "open door" policy, about which so much has been cabled from Paris, but this omission is not as significant as may be supposed. Senators say that it is no part of a treaty of peace to outline the policy of either country with respect to other nations. Article 4, which covers for a term of 10 years the admittance of Spanish ships and merchandise to the Philippines under the same conditions as the ships and merchandise of the United States, simply is a repetition of the provisions of former treaties, notably that framed for the "Louisiana purchase."

With great significance the treaty also follows that made when Alaska was purchased by omitting to pledge the United States to the organization of the newly acquired territory into states. In this feature the work of the Paris commission bears out the contention of Senator Platt of Connecticut, that the Philippines are territorial property belonging to the United States for regulation as Congress may see fit.

## PRESIDENT MIXER

Freshest Man in the Party on the Return to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The freshest looking man in the party that alighted from the presidential train was the president. Members of the cabinet had expressed solicitude during the trip lest the demands upon him should overtax his strength. They were mistaken in the man. The president made more speeches, saw more people and went about more than any of his secretaries, and came back in the pink of condition.

The president talked briefly of his journey. He said, and his manner indicated his words, that he had never enjoyed himself more on any trip in his life. He said he had never seen and heard so much that was interesting and gratifying in such a short space of time. He expressed himself as gratified deeply in a personal sense by the receptions given him, but he said he rejoiced more at the spirit and sentiment shown by the southern people.

The president's idea in going south

was something more than to attend the celebration. He desired to extend his acquaintance with the men of that section. Advantage of every opportunity to do this was taken. The president was not alone on exhibition to the crowd and at the public functions, but he was accessible to individuals at all times except in the few hours he took for sleep. There was no such thing as exclusiveness in the whole itinerary. If committees thought to shield the president from intrusion they discovered that he had quietly frustrated their good intentions, and was meeting the people face to face in the most democratic manner. Whenever he was called upon to speak the president had something to say. He was so constantly engaged that members of the cabinet, imagining the strain was too great, sought to provide resting spells. The president believes the man at the head of this nation should keep in close touch with the people, and what might be a taxing strain on another man, he enters into with zest and satisfaction. He is a wonderful mixer because he loves to mix. That explains how he could come home after such a week of continuous ovations with cheeks ruddier and his eyes brighter than when he stepped aboard the train to start south.

## WHO IS THE MAN?

Senator Cullom Working to Send an Illinoisan to England.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When the president returned to the white house from his southern tour, he found Senator Cullom awaiting him in the interest of an Illinoisan who is ambitious to become ambassador to the court of St. James. The senator is understood to have presented the merits of his candidate to the president before the latter's departure and secured a promise that the matter would be kept open until he could again present his claims. It is not known whom the senator is urging or what assurances he received.

## ON THE ALERT

Col. Wells Has Placed Provost Guards at Different Points at Panama.

PANAMA, ILL., Dec. 21.—Another company of 20 negroes arrived in Panama Tuesday. They were held up by soldiers and relieved of arms before being permitted to proceed to the coal mine stockades. There are now about 400 negroes in Panama. The mines are operated about half time. The white union miners remain out solidly for the state scale. They received \$1000 yesterday from the national union. Two companies of state militia remain here, and Colonel Wells has a provost guard in every section of the city, fearing trouble may break out at any moment between the whites and blacks. The strike leaders claim the chances of winning grow brighter every day.

## PRINCE GEORGE

Arrival of the High Commissioner of the Powers.

CANEA, ORETE, Dec. 21.—Prince George of Greece, high commissioner of the powers, arrived at Sada Bay today, escorted by the British, French, Russian and Italian flagships. He was saluted by the forts and welcomed by immense crowds on landing. The procession formed and he came here. The route was lined by international troops. The prince proceeded to the government building, where the Oetan flag was hoisted and saluted by the warships.

## DROPPED DEAD.

Old Resident of Christian County Suddenly Called Away.

Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, near Morgantown, in Christian county, Samuel Reazin, afflicted with heart failure, dropped dead. He was a farmer, aged about 50 years.

## THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Illinois: Threatening weather tonight and Thursday, with showers tonight and possibly snow flurries in the north Thursday. Colder Thursday; south west winds.

## DICK, THE KISSER

Hobson, Crowded by Women, Misses His Dinner at Topeka.

Busiest Day of the Trip for the Brave Lieutenant—A Glorious Time for the Giddy Girls.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Dec. 21.—Richmond Pearson Hobson is today the most thoroughly kissed man in America. After kissing 417 women in Kansas City Tuesday morning he resumed his journey to San Francisco. His trip across Kansas was one continued kissing bee. Reports received at Topeka last night indicate he kissed more than 700 Kansas girls during the day, and the number may reach 1000. His train made less than a dozen stops during the day. At each stopping place there was a large crowd, women predominating. At each place Hobson descended from the car platform and employed all the time until the train started in violent osculatory exercise.

At Topeka, where the train waited 20 minutes for dinner, at least 500 women were in the crowd. It was a well-governed gathering. Some of the society leaders were there. High school girls were on hand in numbers, and they were all on the qui vive to see the famous young lieutenant. As the train came to a stop the women pressed eagerly forward and the men in the crowd fell back to watch the performance. Hobson lost no time. He appeared almost immediately on the car platform.

## THE GIRLS.

"Ah! there he is," at once rose a chorus of feminine voices. "Isn't he sweet. He is just too lovely for anything," and similar expressions were heard.

Lieutenant Hobson smiled benignantly on the crowd. He seemed to know what was expected of him, for he descended the steps immediately. There was an awkward pause for several seconds. The women who surrounded Hobson expected to be kissed, but each woman seemed reluctant to be the first, and Hobson was embarrassed before the breaking of the ice. One woman came to his rescue, giving him an opening which he accepted.

"Lieutenant," she said sweetly, handing him a card, "won't you please give me your autograph?"

"Of course I will," he replied laughingly. "I will be delighted to give you my autograph, but you know I have established an inviolable rule that she who receives my autograph must 'pay the penalty.'"

The woman blushed and remonstrated mildly. Hobson saw he was losing valuable time. He quickly gripped her in his arms and kissed her full upon her lips.

This incident served to break the ice for him. Emboldened by his success, he passed rapidly down the line, kissing women and girls right and left. It is estimated that he kissed fully 200 women on the platform at Topeka.

"I see I am destined to lose my dinner," he laughingly said between kisses, "but that does not matter. I am getting more than I am losing."

Several of the girls came back a second time, and quite a few a third time. Of course, there were some who would not be kissed by Hobson under any circumstances but these were married women.

## GIBBERING IDIOTS.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 21.—Pauline Hall, the actress, who is playing in this city, is angry over a story published to the effect that she kissed Lieut. Richmond P. Hobson during his reception here yesterday. Her husband, George B. McClellan, a well known theatrical manager of New York city, wired her twice in regard to the affair. Miss Hall denounces the story as absolutely false and says she will institute suit for libel against the paper responsible for it.

Miss Hall characterizes the women who kissed Lieutenant Hobson as "a lot of gibbering idiots."

## HOBSON IN DENVER.

DENVER, COL., Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Hobson arrived from Kansas City this morning. He was met by a committee of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was heartily cheered by hundreds of people who had assembled. During the forenoon he visited the high school, the manual training school, and called at the state house and chatted briefly with Governor Adams. This afternoon the Sons of the American Revolution gave a luncheon in his honor and between 3 and 4 o'clock a public reception was held.

## HOUSE PARTY

Merry Time at the Oglesby Ogleshurst Near Elkhart.

ELKHART, Dec. 21.—The following named persons were guests at Ogleshurst the past few days: Miss Edith Counsel of Chicago, Miss Letitia Stevenson of Bloomington, Miss Romaine Lott of Goshen, Ind., Capt. Robert L. Ford of Lacon, Dr. L. C. Taylor and Jacob Bunn of Springfield. The occasion was a house party given by Miss Oglesby in honor of Miss Lott, the fiancée of Captain John Oglesby.

## CONGRESS

Bailey's Resolution Aimed at Volunteers Adopted.

Less Than Fifty Members Present in the House Today—Bill for the Government of Hawaiian Islands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Less than 50 members of the House were present today. Representative Bailey's resolution directing the judiciary committee to investigate the question whether members of the House who had accepted commissions in the army during the late war, thereby forfeited their seats in the House, was adopted.

The resolution applies to Representatives Wheeler of Alabama, Colson of Kentucky, Robbins of Pennsylvania and Campbell of Illinois. None of them were present when the resolution was passed.

The bill authorizing the shipment in bond of imported merchandise in less than carload lots was passed. The House then adjourned until January 4.

## SENATE.

The Senate committee on foreign relations reported favorably the bill providing a government for the Hawaiian Islands.

Nine private pension bills were passed. On demand of Senators Vest and Cockrell of Missouri, the reports were read in each case, instead of being passed without reading, as usual.

After the adoption of several concurrent resolutions directing the secretary of war to have surveys and estimates of the cost made of the various rivers and harbors, the Senate adjourned to January 4.

## \$500,000 FIRE LOSS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—Fire last night completely gutted the big dry goods houses of S. Greeneshalds' Sons and Co. and McIntyre Son and Co. The aggregate loss is \$500,000.

## MORTUARY.

ASSUMPTION, Dec. 21.—J. E. Rasbach, aged 70 years, a prominent grocer of Assumption, died at 10:30 Monday night. He had been ill for some time and grew much worse Monday morning.

Horses Ran Away.

The team of horses hitched to the poor farm wagon run away this forenoon on North Main street. The team was left standing in front of the post office. The horses started to walk away and as no one interrupted them they broke into a run. North of the Wabash tracks the wagon collided with another vehicle and the horses broke away, but were caught. Very little damage was done.

The three year old son of Rudolph Myer, southwest of Fairbury had a finger so badly crushed in a washing machine that it had to be amputated.

## TRAIN WRECK

Passenger Express Collision at Rahway Today.

## CAME TOGETHER IN A F

Express Trains on the Pennsylvania Central Come to Grief—Many Passengers Bruised and Cut—Meagre Particulars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Express collided with the Chicago and New York express, both bound on the Pennsylvania road, at Rahway, N. J., today. A collision porter was killed and our five passengers injured. One boy is missing. His name is W. O. DeWolf of Portersburg, West Virginia.

About 20 persons were cut, bruised and nearly all of the occupants of both trains were thrown from their berths.

Three miles from Rahway the cargo and New York express stopped, according to the engineers, a signal. A rather thick fog veiled. The Eastern express, coming from behind at 20 miles an hour, dashed into the other, crushing the Pullman sleeper, which contained passengers. A colored porter one passenger were caught on to the boiler, their bodies twisted by debris and badly mangled.

None of the passengers of the Eastern express were seriously hurt. Chicago express was jammed, a great deal of mail and express cargo, one Pullman. The passengers thrown forward amid the wreckage and escaping steam. The injured passengers scrambled through the windows. The passengers were brought to this city on trains.

The name of the porter killed is Knight. It is thought that one of the wounded will die.

## BLISS

To be Succeeded by Hon. E. A. Hitchcock of Missouri.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Hon. McKimley has nominated Hon. Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior, to succeed Mr. Bliss, resigned. Mr. Hitchcock is at present ambassador to Russia.

## NEWS AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Hon. Allen Hitchcock, nominated for secretary of the interior, is a wealthy St. Louis lawyer, now ambassador to Russia. He is a personal friend of the president and a personal associate of Colonel Ethan Allen of Ticonderoga.

## CONFIRMATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate in executive session confirmed nomination of E. A. Hitchcock secretary of the interior.

## Y. M. C. A. NEWS.

Rooms Will be Redecorated—Within the Gymnasium Classes.

The Y. M. C. A. rooms in the building block are soon to be renovated. The walls will be caulked and the wood work put in good condition. It is possible that some new furniture will be purchased.

The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium are growing in membership. Prof. Hotelling's training the are progressing rapidly with the T. C. McIntyre will lead the meeting next Sunday afternoon New Year's day the meeting held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and about 15 representative men of the city will be present and make addresses.


It has not yet been decided what day the New Year's party will be held, but it will likely be off until after the rooms have been renovated.

Frank Dawson, formerly of Decatur, but now secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Alton, is in the city for his friends.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

Vive Cameras, Opera House Drug Co.  
Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.  
Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head  
aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.  
Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on  
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You pay a little more for the clothes  
that Denz makes but—  
Order Turkey for Christmas at the  
Royal Market.—12-dtf

The Amity club will hold the regu-  
lar dance at the Guards' armory on  
Thursday evening.  
Hand Mirrors, Opera House Drug Co.  
75 Pieces of All Wool and Silk and Wool  
Dress Goods marked down to close out  
the week at Bradley Bros., \$1.25 Dress  
Goods at 79c, \$1.00 Dress Goods at 49c.  
Dec. 19 dtt

The Nicest Toilet Cases at Neisler's.  
—10-dtf

California fruits at Glessner's, 148  
East Prairie.

For Sale.—A new sewing machine at  
one-fourth the regular price. Apply to  
O. Ewing, corner of West Main and Pine  
street.—20-dtf

Atomizers for everybody at Neisler's.  
—10-dtf

Frank Richards, who underwent a  
major operation for the removal of  
an abscess at St. Mary's hospital last  
week, is recovering and will be able  
to return to his home at Mowqua at  
the end of this week. Drs. Barnes,  
McClelland and Bowers performed the  
operation.

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olly, green roping and wreaths of  
all kinds, cut flowers and potted plants  
at N. Bommersbach.—10-dtf

Dinner. Where? On East Main  
street. How much? 25 cents. Supper  
25 cents. Where does the money go?  
To pay off the Baptist church debt.  
All right, we'll go.—17-dtf

The ladies of the Congregational  
church sold the remainder of the  
articles which were left from the re-  
cent sale at the home of Mrs. E. P.  
Johnson of West North street last  
evening. The sale was a great suc-  
cess, all of the articles being sold be-  
fore 9 o'clock.

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at 5 per cent interest. Call at once.  
Paddford, Burrows & Co.—31-dtf

**Never Again.**  
Never, oh never again will you be  
able to buy a boy's velocipede for 75  
cents. Girls' Tricycles \$2.  
Decatur Gun Co.

**Born.**  
To Mr. and Mrs. Rucker of 138 East  
Washington street, a daughter.  
To Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Karnes of  
South Main street, on Tuesday, De-  
cember 20, a son.

According to the novels  
of Richardson and his con-  
temporaries, in the olden  
days men used to admire  
women who screamed  
when the least provoca-  
tion and fainted on all  
opportunities. Rich-  
ardson's heroines were  
always toppling out  
of their chairs, fall-  
ing in a "dead faint"  
in their lovers' arms,  
saying their stays  
cut and their hands  
slapped, their tem-  
ples bathed and  
their noses smelling-  
scented.

Both the women and the  
men have changed radically since  
those days. The modern man does not  
admire the fainting woman, neither does he  
marry her. If by chance he does, he is  
only a man, and lives to regret it. There is  
no reason why any woman should be a faint-  
ing woman. General bodily weakness and  
nervousness in women are due to weakness  
or disease of the delicate, special organs of  
the sex. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription  
is a scientific and unfailing remedy for all  
disorders of this description. It imparts  
health and strength to the sensitive and  
unhealthy organs upon which a woman's  
complexion and health is largely dependent. It  
quiets and tones up the nerves, restores the  
vigor of youth, rounds out the emaciated  
form, imparts the glow of health to the  
complexion and transforms weak, sickly,  
nervous invalids into new, healthy, happy  
women. It fits for wifehood and mother-  
hood.

"Words fail to describe my suffering before  
using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes  
Mrs. Sallie Key, of Tampico, Granger Co., Tenn.  
"I had inflammation, irritation and profuse  
flowing and was very nervous and suffered terri-  
bly at all times. My feet and limbs were cold  
and painful at the heart and my back was  
so weak that I could not turn myself in bed.  
The thought of food sickened me. My kidneys  
were very badly affected. I had been down six  
months. I could not sleep night or day and had  
given up all hope. My husband got me some  
of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took it  
for five months and at the end of that time could  
walk a mile and do all my own housework. I  
am sure I would be in my grave if it had not  
been for the Favorite Prescription."  
Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.,  
for a free copy of the "People's Common  
Sense Medical Adviser." For paper-covered  
copy enclose 21 one-cent stamps to cover  
mailing only. Cloth-bound, 31 stamps.

## BABY FOUND DEAD

### Sudden Death of Infant of T. F. Dempsey.

### PARENTS GREATLY SHOCKED

When They Discovered the Corpse of  
Their Child in Bed This Morn-  
ing—Inquest This  
Afternoon.

Arthur F. Dempsey, the three  
weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F.  
Dempsey was found dead this morning  
at the family residence on West Cerro  
Gordo street. The child had during  
the night suffered a sudden attack of  
illness which caused his death.

Last evening the child appeared to  
be in good health and was put to bed  
at the usual time. This morning  
about 4 o'clock the mother awoke and  
looked at the baby and he seemed to  
be sleeping comfortably. When Mr.  
and Mrs. Dempsey arose this morning  
they were greatly shocked to find that  
their child was a corpse. Dr. Wil-  
helmy was at once summoned in the  
hope that some signs of life might be  
found, but the child had been dead  
for some time. The mother and father  
were greatly shocked and grieved at  
the suddenness of the death of their  
infant.

The matter was reported to the cor-  
oner and Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure  
went to the residence and took charge  
of the remains. The inquest was held  
at the house this afternoon. It is not  
known just what caused the death,  
but it is supposed that the child had  
an attack of heart trouble.

**Colored Masons Install.**  
Decatur Court, No. 10, colored  
auxiliary to A. P. & A. M., No. 17,  
installed the following officers last  
evening:  
Most Worthy Matron—Mrs. Annie  
Ward.  
Senior Matron—Mrs. Robert Rogan.  
Secretary—Miss Prudence Rogan.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Charity Valentine.  
Joshua—George Dyal.  
Gate Keepers—Mrs. James Hollinger  
and Mrs. George Davis.  
Richard Woodford was master of  
ceremonies.

The following officers were installed  
by Decatur Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M.  
Mr. Robert Rogan acting as installation  
officer:  
W. M.—Richard Woodford.  
S. W.—Moses Jones.  
J. W.—W. C. King.  
Secretary—Ed Thomas.  
Treasurer—Huo Singleton.  
Tyler—George Denis.  
Chaplain—Ed Gray.  
S. D.—Ed Dyal.  
J. D.—Louis Ernest.  
S. S.—Ed Caldwell.  
J. S.—James Brummell.

**Notice.**  
The Salvation Army of Decatur will  
give a free dinner for the poor on  
Monday, December 26. Everyone is  
asked to lend a helping hand so all  
that are interested and willing to help  
in the Christmas dinner will please  
send their gifts to the Army hall.  
Donations in money can be sent to  
Room 17, Syndicate block. Food of all  
kinds received at the Army hall Sat-  
urday morning, December 21, or early Mon-  
day morning, December 26. All dona-  
tions will be thankfully received by  
the officers in charge. Ensign Kier-  
stead and Lieutenant Wilson.—16-dtf

**Royal Neighbor Officers.**  
Pay Leaf Camp, R. N. of A., last  
evening elected the following officers:  
Orator—Ella Miller.  
Vice Orator—Nettie Slifer.  
Chancellor—Ida Lehman.  
Recorder—Laura Flory.  
Receiver—Mary Lukerbill.  
Inside Sentinel—Ella Crane.  
Outer Sentinel—Kate Crusoe.  
Manager for three years—Carrie  
Boutwell.  
Captain of Degree Staff—Nell Rob-  
bins.  
Physicians—Naomi Pierce-Collins  
and C. Taylor Ball.  
Delegates to Head Camp—Kate  
Sullivan and Clara Flory.

**SANTIAGO'S LAST FALL.**  
Remains of the Spectacular Show Dis-  
posed Of at Auction.

In front of the court house yester-  
day afternoon Constable W. W. Con-  
nard sold at auction the remains of  
the spectacular show known as "The  
Fall of Santiago." The show came to  
Decatur during the corn carnival week  
and advertised to play two evenings  
at the race track. The show itself  
was a frost and there was scarcely any  
attendance, so the company got  
stranded. The manager got out of  
town with some of his stuff and left  
behind about \$50 worth of unpaid  
hotel and advertising bills. Attach-  
ment warrants were issued and the claims  
put in the hands of Constable W. W.  
Connard to serve. He seized what prop-  
erty could be found and yesterday it  
was sold at auction. There was some  
old canvass on which was painted pic-  
tures of the battlements at Santiago  
and also some fireworks. The best  
thing in the lot was a good sized can-  
non which shoots caps, and that  
only brought two dollars. The sale of  
the goods scarcely realized enough to  
pay the costs, to say nothing of the  
claims.

## THE CHICAGO RIVER.

An Open Sewer Navigable for Good-  
Sized Vessels for Its Sixteen  
Miles' Length.

The smallest and busiest river in  
the world. Where do think it is? The-  
odore Diesel locates it in Chicago, and  
has this to say about it. The first pe-  
culiarity of this little stream is that  
it is the smallest river doing the largest  
business in the world, or, in other words,  
the busiest river in the world. In the  
next place it has the greatest depth  
for the narrowness of width of any known  
river. In the third place, it has the  
largest number of bridges spanning it  
of any river of equal or greater length,  
barring the Mississippi—or a total of  
32 bridges. All these are draw or swing-  
ing bridges, and carry a traffic of their  
own overhead almost as important as  
that which passes below. Next, this  
river has little or no current to speak  
of, and flows upward instead of down.  
It is the only known river whose cur-  
rent has been turned round and made,  
as it were, to flow the other way. Last-  
ly, it is a sort of orphan river, for where-  
as all rivers and harbors are owned  
and cared for by the United States gov-  
ernment, the secretary of war, whose  
province it is to care for these things,  
will have nothing to do with it, and  
Chicago repairs it fully sufficiently for  
its own needs, but lays no claim to the  
right of way.

In this strange predicament, the little  
stream flows wretchedly backward,  
loaded with the largest and most val-  
uable collection of vessels that ever  
crowded an inland sea. It is one tu-  
multuous highway and somewhat less  
cluttering than the Hudson. The city  
uses it as an emptying place for the  
sewers and the street cleaning depart-  
ment as a dumping ground for its waste,  
and yet it is the most valuable factor in  
the life of Chicago, and the one more  
than all else that has made the city  
what it is to-day. No other river in  
the wide world possesses or pretends to  
the appearance of this peculiar stream.  
In its busiest hours it is a sight for  
gods and men. A mere creek, it struggles  
with the burden of an ocean. The  
great deep-draught propellers tear the  
water into splattering fragments. Their  
huge stacks often hide the entire stream  
from view with great clouds of smoke.  
The ingoing and outgoing vessels quar-  
rel for the right of way with all the  
vehemence inherent in gongs and whis-  
tles. Tug pilots handle their craft  
with a skill that would put to shame  
the manners of the heavy teams in a  
crowded New York lane.

The longest branch of the river to-  
day is more than ten miles in length,  
and the total length of all branches is  
30. At its mouth it is no more than  
200 feet wide, and the fact that it is the  
same width a mile or two upstream is  
due to the fact that it was made so by  
excavation and dredging. At one time  
(1849) it was 200 feet wide at Lake  
street, 175 feet at Randolph, a  
block further on; 165 feet at Wash-  
ington, 174 feet at Madison—all these  
but single blocks apart—and so on un-  
til it became so small as to be unnavi-  
gable by boats drawing ten feet of  
water. In that year, however, it was  
dredged and made a uniform width of  
200 feet in the south branch, and it is  
kept that wide by the walls of the im-  
mense buildings which have now en-  
croached to the very water's edge, and  
which in most cases form the only banks  
visible.

It is interesting to note the pecu-  
liarities of this poor little stream.  
Nowhere along its shores within the  
great city limits is there a foot of un-  
occupied ground where a tree may find  
root. No branch or blade of green  
grasses is shown. No beautiful spring  
rises from point to point and feed it.  
Its tributaries are dark, stone arched  
sewers which empty their subterranean  
blackness into it in continuous  
streams. Its banks are for the most  
part sheer walls of red brick. Where  
an open space occurs, railroad tracks  
skirt the water's edge so closely as to  
stir a fear for the safety of the cars  
which line them. Lumber yards make  
up other portions, and groups of belch-  
ing smokestacks, sooty black, rise in  
forest-like numbers at regular inter-  
vals. No single space but has some  
warehouse or freight shed, factory or ware-  
house, filling up the last available inch.  
yards, stone yards, coal yards—these in-  
terpersed with docks, elevators, man-  
ufactories and breweries make its bank  
interesting, if not beautiful.—Metropol-  
itan.

**A Plucky Commander.**  
From the beginning of the engage-  
ment the sole efforts of the Spanish  
gunners had been to disable the Wins-  
low. One of the first shots fired struck  
her and partly lamed her. Fairly deluged  
with shot and shell, struck in a  
dozen places, she still fought on, and it  
was not until her steering gear was in-  
jured and she became nearly unman-  
ageable that her commander thought  
of withdrawing. As we turned for the  
second time to the eastward, the Wins-  
low came darting out of the smoke  
clouds directly toward us at such speed  
that for a moment collision was im-  
minent. A slight shifting of the Hud-  
son's helm allowed us to pass close to  
her. Halting us, the commanding off-  
icer of the Winslow told us he intended  
to withdraw his crippled command  
from the fire of the Spanish guns. To  
our officers of assistance, Lieut. Hernandez  
gave answer that a gesture that was  
all sufficient. All he wanted was room  
to work his crippled vessel. He got it.  
Lieut. Ernest E. Mead, U. S. R. C. S.,  
in Harper's Magazine.

**An Impolite Officer.**  
"Those New York policemen must be  
real sassy fellows."  
"What makes you think so, Aunt Me-  
htabel?"  
"Why, George says that when he  
was to New York last summer one of  
them plucked him. George says it was  
by mistake, but I'll jest bet he done it  
scourpouse."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Tickle Your Husband.**  
That is what you will surely do if  
you buy one of those handsome Fish-  
ing Rods for his Christmas present.  
We have them from the cheaper lance-  
wood up to the finest grade Kosmic or  
Chubb hand made. Nice reels, silk  
lines, tackle cases, minnow pails, etc.  
Decatur Gun Co.

Miss Iva Golliday of Minonk was  
bitten by a savage dog, whose teeth  
crushed several bones in her wrist.

## PERSONAL.

—Foster Waltz, who attends the  
Chicago Dental College, will be home  
this week to spend Christmas with  
his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Waltz.

—Prof. Harry Bunstead and wife of  
New Haven, Conn., are home to spend  
Christmas with relatives in this city.

—W. H. Elwood is confined to his  
home on West William street with an  
attack of the grip.

—Miss Lora Condell returned home  
last night from Champaign, where  
she visited among friends since Sat-  
urday.

—C. E. Overtake, J. P., of La  
Place, transacted business in the city  
today.

—Mrs. A. M. Irwin, who has been  
the guest of Attorney and Mrs. L. A.  
Buckingham, has returned to her  
home at Wichita, Kansas.

—Gus Johnson, student at the  
Northwestern University, is confined  
to his home in this city with an at-  
tack of typhoid fever.

—H. L. Oldham is confined to his  
room by sickness.

—Will Pluck has gone to Colorado  
Springs, Col., for the benefit of his  
health.

—Mrs. Bertha Seip Christman of  
Gallion, Ohio, is in the city visiting  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hardy. Mrs. Chris-  
tman visited in Decatur a number of  
years ago.

—J. M. Gray, the newly elected  
state representative will leave for  
Springfield on January 2. During the  
sessions of the legislature Mr. Gray  
will be in Springfield four days each  
week, spending the remainder of the  
time at home. He will make his  
headquarters at the St. Nicholas  
hotel. Mrs. Gray will not accompany  
him, but will remain in Decatur.  
Mr. Gray will be at home three days  
of each week and will keep his law  
office open for business as usual.

## BRAGG WAS HELD UP.

### Decatur Man Slugged in Chicago and Robbed of \$30—Returned Home.

H. M. Bragg, who has been travel-  
ing for the Decatur Coal Mill, ar-  
rived in the city today to spend the  
holidays. Nearly two weeks ago Mr.  
Bragg had an unpleasant experience.  
He was slugged and robbed while in  
Chicago and is still suffering from  
the injuries he received. In speaking  
of the matter Mr. Bragg said today  
that he was in a florist's store on  
North Jackson street about 5:30  
o'clock in the evening. A man came  
in to pay a bill and offered a \$20 bill.  
The florist was unable to make change  
and Mr. Bragg gave him two \$10 bills  
for the \$20 bill, which he folded up  
with another \$10 bill and put in his  
vest pocket. On leaving the store Mr.  
Bragg noticed that two men had been  
watching him when he put the money  
in his pocket. The men approached  
Mr. Bragg and asked him for money  
to pay for lodging. Mr. Bragg said  
that he refused and the man spoke  
rather sharply. He walked a short  
distance and just as he was turning  
his head to look for a street car he re-  
ceived a blow on the side of the head.  
He staggered and fell up against a  
building and grabbed one of the two  
men who attacked him. The second  
man kicked him on the legs and an-  
other blow on the head rendered him  
unconscious. Mr. Bragg says that he  
could see people passing on the other  
side of the street, but he was so dazed  
by the first blow that he was unable  
to call for help. The footpads took the  
\$30 out of Mr. Bragg's pocket and  
got away before he could raise an  
alarm. In a few moments Mr. Bragg  
regained consciousness. His head and  
legs were both quite badly injured,  
but he has now nearly recovered.

**Teachers' Institute.**  
The mid-winter institute of the  
teachers of DeWitt county will be  
held at Clinton on Thursday and Fri-  
day of this week. President Cook of  
Normal will be in attendance and a  
very interesting program has been  
prepared. There will be a morning  
and afternoon session each day.

**To the Ladies.**  
Take your dresses, cloaks, jackets,  
waists and wrappers to be dyed in any  
color, or dry cleaned and pressed to  
look like new at a small cost to  
Miller's Decatur Steam Dye House  
and Dry Cleaning Works, No. 146  
North Main street.—21-dtf

**A Chance to Visit Your Friends.**  
Holiday excursions via the P. D.  
and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your  
ticket agent will tell you all about  
it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

The least pleasure in life is the  
sense of discharging our duty.—Haz-  
litt.

**A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER**

**DR. PRICE'S  
CREAM  
BAKING  
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### About Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

They Cure Stomach Troubles at  
digestion Anyway, Whether  
You Have Faith in Them  
or Not.

Mere faith will not digest you a fo-  
you, will not give you an appetit-  
not increase your flesh, and stron-  
your nerves and heart, but Stuart's  
pepsia Tablets will do those things  
cause they are composed of the ele-  
of digestion, they contain the  
acids and pepsins necessary to  
digestion and assimilation of all  
some food.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will  
food if placed in a jar or bottle in-  
heated to 98 degrees, and will  
much more effectively when taken  
the stomach after meals, whether  
have faith that they will or not.

They invigorate the stomach,  
pure blood and strong nerves,  
only way that nature can do it, and  
is from plenty of wholesome food  
digested. It is not what we eat  
what we digest that does us good.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are  
nearly all druggists at 50 cents for  
sized package, or by mail from  
A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

## MARKETS.

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Wheat—	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
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TREMEMENDOUS PROGRESS.

Chicago Inter Ocean: One of the great central ideas of Thomas Jefferson was that this country should export agricultural products in exchange for foreign goods. His voluminous writings show that this was a hobby of the father of the Democratic party.

A statistical table just published by the treasury department shows by floods what wonderful strides the United States has made during the last 30 years along the road which Jefferson warned the American people not to travel. The figures prove that the increase has been more than five fold. The table includes every manu-  
facture whose exports in 1898 were valued at more than \$1,000,000.

In 1868 the total for the year was only about \$90,000,000, but by 1898 it had reached \$298,871,449. The total number of manufactures exceeding in their annual exports a million dollars was only eight in 1868, as against 31 thirty years later. In 1878 the num-  
ber had gone up to 15. The next 10 years increased the number only to 17. That was the decade of mugwump rule or ruin. It was not until after the mugwump and free trade haru-  
nacles had been removed from the party that the Republicans had the full courage of their protective principles and were free to bring about the splendid results of the last year.

Refined mineral oil stood at the head of our exports in 1868, 1878 and 1888, iron and steel holding all that time second rank. By 1898, however, the two had changed places. In 1868 kerosene made a showing of \$30,030,016, and iron and steel \$8,352,408, but in 1898 the figures stood: iron and steel, \$70,786,527; refined mineral oil, \$61,782,316.

The greatest gain was in copper and manufactures of copper. In 1868 ex-  
ports of these articles amounted to only \$479,486, but in 1898 they reached \$32,180,872.

Exports of leather, cotton goods and chemicals show a most encouraging increase. In 1868 they aggregated \$7,143,168; in 1898, \$57,579,455. Not much behind chemicals come wool manufactures and the agricultural im-  
plements. One of the least progressive articles in the list is spirits. The in-  
crease during the 30 years was only from \$1,416,121 to \$1,850,523.

Evidently the Jeffersonian dream of a truly rural Arcadia for this country had in it no element of prophecy, and it is entirely safe to predict that another decade will show conclusively that the United States is the greatest of manufacturing nations.

President McKinley never advocated any measure that was not intended for the good of the whole country, and therefore never stirred up sectional strife, and while he has visited all sections of the country has never "in-  
vaded the enemy's country" because to him and what he advocates there is no enemy's country.

A French paper says of the Ameri-  
cans and the Nicaragua canal: "Their audacious contempt for all difficulties will lead to that success which only resolution, tenacity of purpose, with the best machinery and an abundance of dollars, can accomplish." Uncle Sam's qualifications for a big under-  
taking are beginning to be understood.

"Upstart conquerors," is what the Spanish president of the peace com-  
mission calls us. When war was declared they called us pigs. It thus seems that we may be growing in favor with Spain, as the upstarts never finished until everything Span-  
ish was knocked in to 40 kind of pieces or was sent to the bottom of the sea.

Rev. Newcomer is not a prophet after the order of Elijah, but after the order of the Rev. Henry Clay Deane. The latter prophesied against Abra-  
ham Lincoln and the union, while the former prophesies against William McKinley and the government.

Everything seems little to Rev. Newcomer except himself and Elijah, and because Elijah was directed to prophesy against the king of Israel it is Rev. Newcomer's opinion that he is unworthy the cloak of Elijah unless he prophesies against the government.

A Democratic paper says that part of the Democratic creed will be anti-imperialism. It might just as well be anti-ice cream in summer or anti-  
oyster in winter as the people are proud of their country and its flag and take no backward steps.

It is claimed that Booker T. Wash-  
ington is not a good mixer. Perhaps don't play craps with the boys.

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A BOON TO MOTHERS.

If Any Decatur Mother Has Looked for This, Follow This Citi-  
zen's Advice.

Wherever we go and among all classes we find children suffering from weak kidneys. The intelligent mother knows that this is not a habit and searches for a remedy. It is some-  
thing very hard to relieve, and the family physician tells her that the child will grow out of it in time. Sometimes they do and sometimes they do not. In the meantime annoy-  
ance and embarrassment is the result. If anyone knows a remedy it is not an act of charity, is it not a duty to make it public? Should selfishness or pride keep it concealed? Mrs. H. E. Johnson of 246 East Landford street, has used Dean's Kidney Pills in her family and makes the following state-  
ment for the benefit of anxious mothers and the relief of interesting little children. Mrs. Johnson says:

"My little girl, five years old, has always been troubled with a weakness of the kidneys, causing her to lose control over the kidney secretions at night when in bed. I read about Dean's Kidney Pills curing others of this complaint, so I obtained a box at a drug store. They produced a marked effect at once and they strengthened her kidneys so that it is on very rare occasions now that she is annoyed as formerly. I believe that Dean's Kid-  
ney Pills wholly remove the cause of such troubles. It is only out of grati-  
tude that I permit publication of my statement but this trouble is a very prevalent one and most people from a feeling of pride will not speak of it. I consider it a mother's duty to tell others about it when she has found a remedy from which so many children suffer from."

Dean's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Millman Co., Buffalo, N.Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Dean's and take no other.

CYCLE PISTOL A SUCCESS.

Dobbs Tries the Wonderful Weapon on Himself, with Startling Results.

Dobbs lately expressed to a friend his mortal fear of being held up on the street, his home burglarized and divers other calamities which as yet exist only in his imagination or among those of whom he heard only through the news-  
papers.

"Why don't you carry a cycle pistol?" said a friend, "and then you'll be ready for those fellows."

"A cycle pistol? What on earth is a cycle pistol?"

"Why, don't you know? A cycle pistol is a regular little gun, looks just like a revolver at first glance, but it isn't one. It has just one barrel and the thing is loaded with ammonia and a lot of other hot stuff. You pull the trigger, squeeze the handle—and there you are. Cycles use them on dogs. One dose will make a dog change the sub-  
ject of his language quicker than a regular gun in the hands of a policeman. It's a good thing, that cycle pistol. And it's just a good for burglars and hold-ups, as it is for dogs. The beauty of it is it don't kill 'em, you know, just inter-  
ests 'em, so to speak, till they forget what they came for. Just try it once."

Mr. Dobbs was delighted and decided to act on his friend's suggestion and "try it once." He bought one the very next day.

"Isn't it a beauty?" he said to his wife. "Now, I am going to see how the thing works," and with malice afore-  
thought he pointed the weapon straight at the landlady. He lay stretched out on a rug before the grate.

But the thing would not work. In vain he pulled the trigger and squeezed the handle, the thing stoutly refused to go off.

"Say, pa, maybe there's something in the barrel," said the ten-year-old hope-  
ful.

Sure enough, there might be some-  
thing in the barrel. There was. It came out suddenly just as Dobbs looked on and he came on looking down the barrel of the pistol with the other, forgetting to relax his grip on the trigger and the elastic handle. The "hot stuff" hit Dobbs full in the face, fairly taking his breath, making him believe his eyes were surely put out, and sending him to dance with pain and yell like a Cornish Indian.

When Dobbs was able to be out he told his friends that he was prepared to testify as to the wonderful efficacy of the cycle pistol. That night he had retained him it was just as good for going after burglars and hold-ups.—  
Cincinnati Chronicle.

Enterprising Druggists.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonder-  
ful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug stores and get a trial bottle for 10c, or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Better it is to be envied than pitied.—  
Horodotus.

Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their kidney disease was in-  
curable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

To fail at all is to fail utterly.—  
Lowell.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, Do Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the implacable enemy of sore, burn and wounds. It never fails to cure Piles. You may rely upon it. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

THE TATTOOED MAN.

Misfortune Followed His Advent in the Side Show and Ruin Followed.

"Toughin' at that blame fool Tat-  
toed Man made 'em let the Ossified Man fall and break, an' that was the first piece of bad luck," said the side showman gloomily.

"I was tickled to death when I signed that Tattoo Man, because he was a good card. Had a lot of little details that made him different. Had two niggers that dressed up as two of the savages in the South Sea islands, and he had a fine painting, life size, of himself lyin' on his back on the seashore with a lot of howling savages and a red-hot fire ready to boil him. Handsome built man, too. When he'd got himself fresh stretched all over and come out with nothin' on but his trunk an' slippers he didn't look naked at all. Just looked as if he had on a great make-up that let him show off his fine shape to per-  
fection. That man ruined me. He was an awful josh, and from the minute the tent was empty between shows he'd have 'em all on the how-how. The very first day I had to go over and warn the Living Skeleton that if he didn't stop laughin' I'd fine him. My wife put me on right then and there that if I didn't fire him he'd break up the show. She seemed to take an awful dislike to him from the start. But I wouldn't listen to a woman's good insight, an' reflected that if the Liv-  
ing Skeleton did gain a few pounds the Fat Woman would gain more than he would and rather even up matters. Well, along at first the Fat Woman kept pickin' up right along, till the Tattooed Man got to chatterin' a whole lot with Maggie Noam, the Cressian Beauty, then I see the Fat Woman was stuck on him. So I wasn't surprised when she got melancholy and went to losin' sleep at an awful rate. Them Fat Women is alius inclined to be scri-  
mmental an' you have to watch 'em like hawks. An' that wasn't all. The Bearded Lady was the Cressian Beauty's husband in private life, an' he got so mad I couldn't hardly hold him. The Tattooed Man was quicker than sent an' he was onto all the cussed tricks on earth, so when there'd be a big crowd in the tent he'd man-  
age to get into a conversation with the Cressian Beauty and watch the Bearded Lady writhe. One day the Bearded Lady couldn't stand it, an' he threw the Pygmy Skeleton Found in the Pyramids at the Tattooed Man an' got him right in the eye. I see the crowd gettin' ready to drop on, so I gives 'em all three a glance an' then I gets in front of the Tattooed Man an' I says real loud:

"See here, you've trifled with this poor woman's affections," pointing to the Bearded Lady, "long enough, an' if you don't marry her to-night you may go."

"Well, the crowd cheered at that, an' that night the tent bulged with people to see the ceremony. They didn't like it, but I had 'em do that quarrel an' get married at the night show every third town after that, an' business picked up so I didn't make 'em pay for the Pygmy Skeleton. It was only a little one about a foot high, anyhow, an' my cost about three dollars up in Chicago, where they make 'em. My wife begged me to fire 'em again that day, but I was bull-headed, an' wouldn't listen.

"Well, as I said, one day he was joshin' again, an' two of the roust-  
ers got to laughin' so hard they let the Ossified Man fall an' broke him in four places. 'Course we put him together again, but he complained after that that he couldn't see. First he got so he could see the red-hot poker, an' we said to ourself, 'Then it got so he'd see when we stuck forks an' even needles into him, and blamed if he didn't go to work an' get just like any other man after that. Seemed to bring his circulation, or something back in the right place. He was awful sore about it, but it wasn't my fault, an' I had to let him do the Wild Man turn at a reduced salary. But he was no good at it. The Tattooed Man apolo-  
gized to him, of course; but what good did that do?"

"He certainly was a winner among the women, for it wasn't long after that till he had the Snake Charmer crazy after him, an' the Fat Woman, who had lost flesh so she had got down to don't a bicycle turn for a novelty to make good, was jealous enough to eat nails. One day just after the big show took up her an' the Snake Charmer got into a fight about it, an' when I got in the tent the snake boss was upset, an' all them that wasn't too lazy was crawlin' away into the animal tent. Then there was a panic, an' I come near bein' cut loose from the big show."

"My wife was bound an' determined then to have him fired, but I had my dander up, an' kep' him, an' as my wife said, he broke up the show. One night he eloped."

"With the Cressian Beauty?" I ven-  
tured.

"No. Ah, no. With my wife. An' they took all the coin an' my diamonds with 'em, an' as I owed three weeks' back salaries, that broke me up. Durn him."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Frightened.

Taxter—I must hurry around to see old Hardrocks the first thing in the morning and get that money he owes me. He's going to have trouble.

Mrs. Baxter—Why, Josiah, what makes you think so?

"The money says his boy has started out to be a Napoleon of something. I didn't notice just what."—Chicago Evening News.

Titled Thieves.

A princess, a countess, a duchess and the daughter of a reigning prince were among the 4,000 thieves, professional and unprofessional, arrested in Paris during the last 12 months.—Chicago Chroni-  
cle.

For Horsesness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

There was grown on the Sibley farms this year 10,181 acres of corn, which yielded 371,924 bushels, being an average of 37 1/2 bushels per acre.

The Vermilion county show will be held at Danville December 27 to 30.

For the Housekeepers.

A new way to disinfect a room is to use a small disinfecting pan with a small reservoir that contains the dis-  
infecting liquid. This is to be heated and converted into a gas by a flame beneath the reservoir. The gas is di-  
rected through a nozzle to any part of the room.

To preserve vegetables keep the stalks in water until ready to cook. Eggs may be kept by burying them in salt, and snoots and turnips by bury-  
ing in a box of sand.

Ink stains can be removed from some wash goods by rubbing with the yolk of an egg before washing. Starch can be removed from muslin or linen by applying the juice of two onions, one-half ounce of white soap, two ounces of fuller's earth and one-half pint of vinegar, all boiled together and cooled before using.—Chicago Evening News.

Winter Carrots.

Do not forget how wholesome is this sturdy vegetable. In winter they are deemed rank, but this objection may be met in their preparation. Wash, scrape and slice them, put them on to cook in cold salted water to more than cover them, and cook until per-  
fectly tender; drain, pour milk over them, which thicken with equal parts of flour and sugar blended together. A teaspoonful of sugar to each pint of sliced carrots should be added to the water in which they are cooked. An-  
other method of preparation is to drain the carrots when they first begin to get tender, cover them with boiling seasoned soup-stock, and simmer slowly, uncovered, until the stock is reduced to a glaze.—Woman's Home Companion.

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For Pneumonia. Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agaw, Mich. says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneu-  
monia the past month with good re-  
sults." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Washing day is the hardest day of the week. All efforts to make wa-  
shing easy have not yet materially ad-  
vanced this matter. Washing ma-  
chines have lightened the burden and wa-  
shing machines have proved a house-  
hold blessing, but still blue Monday re-  
mains the hardest day in the week. Chem-  
ical and chemical soaps rot the fiber of  
clothes. They are not genuine la-  
borers, because they destroy the clo-  
thes so soon that more labor must be  
expended in making new ones than is saved  
by rapid washing. The cost of new fa-  
brics is greater than the cost of the la-  
bor. There are many superior ma-  
chines and they are not those which pur-  
chase to wash clothes without labor. They  
are harmless washing fluids, but they  
are generally those made up at a  
farm a well-tested domestic recipe  
which all the ingredients are known  
to the household.

Probably one of the most suc-  
cessful labor savers is common benzine.  
It is purchased by the gallon in ex-  
pensive, though when sold in small  
bottles for cleaning it is generally  
by the small bottle at from five to  
times its proper price. It is used in  
water in which clothes are soaked  
in the boiler. For a large tub of  
colored clothes prepare a tub of  
warm water. Add a little soap, a  
half cupful of benzine. Look over the  
washing carefully. Put in no more  
clothes. If there are any stains of  
clothes remove them with the  
benzine eraser. This should be a  
powerful chemical. For fruit  
boiling water poured on while la-  
bor is the best. For milder ammu-  
nition, but common buttermilk is  
even better, though it takes more  
time. Let the milder spots soak in the  
sweet buttermilk turns sour. Let the  
at least 24 hours. Rub the spot  
and if they do not come out give  
a second bath with water and  
buttermilk. After attending to the  
spots in the washing immerse the  
clothes on by one in the prepa-  
red soapy water and benzine and  
then remain over night covered  
on a board and put the contents  
through a washing machine. Put  
all after this into a boiler of luk-  
ewarm water in which another half  
benzine has been mixed. Let the  
clothes boil for three or four hours  
no longer. Rinse the clothes ven-  
tually. Wash colored clothes in  
warm water, using half a cup of  
benzine to every tub of water. In  
course, colored clothes should  
soaked, but washed and rinsed as  
is possible. Use a mild white  
not a strong brown soap for  
colored clothes. Use lukewarm  
water boiling water, unless you  
run the risk of fading them.  
 Tribune.

CHRISTMAS FANCY WORK.

Half a Dozen Novel Designs in Cushions Which Make Presents.

Pincushions are always "hand-  
make acceptable gifts, for one  
can have too many. A pret-  
ty dainty cushion seen in a shop to-  
day was long and narrow, with  
a pale blue silk frill, and  
pinned on the top with colored  
was a strip of dainty drawn  
work, the threads being caught  
together with pale pink cotton.

Another cushion seen on the  
table was small and square,  
with amber satin, ornaments  
brows worked in heliotrope and  
silk. A little box-plated bon-  
net, heliotrope and white ribbon  
this exquisite little gift, which  
effective and nicely put together.

A comically shaped pincushion  
made by extending all the cor-  
ners into divisions, run through with  
ribbon the exact width of the  
Between each division thus a  
reel of silk in various colors  
cushion seen was covered with  
gray silk, edged with pink ec-  
ribbon was of a dainty pink,  
of silk, black, white, pink and  
making an exquisite com-  
This cushion forms a serviceable  
to a work box.

Another blue cushion con-  
sists of the blue satin, on which  
of violets had been painted, and  
deep cream lace insertions.

A water-lily cushion may be  
by stiffened white satin pet-  
rounding a small center of ye-  
wed around at the base with  
silk. The yellow center should  
stuffed, in order to hold the  
course, this cushion does not  
mend itself for everyday use,  
a novelty, nevertheless, and p-  
One other cushion, round and  
made of shaded mauve velvet;  
ly lace doll planned over its  
cular in form.

To make a really useful pi-  
necushion, take an old-fash-  
with sawdust body; cut out  
foundation for the cushion  
piece of cardboard about six  
diameter and make a skirt  
silk for the doll that will fit  
edges of the circular piece  
board; sew securely and the  
skirt with sawdust. Put in t-  
to its waist, and bring the  
edge around the waist, sew-  
ly. This stuffed skirt form  
cushion. The body and do-  
doll may be dressed as fan-  
possible. A charming cushi-  
sort was copied from one of K-  
nary's babies, and another w-  
gentleman of about the  
with her lace mantle and a  
bonnet.—St. Louis Republic.

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cessary.—Chicago Daily News.

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## WASHING MADE EASY

Machine Is a Great Labor Saver and  
Does Not Injure the  
Clothes.

Washing day is the hardest day of all  
the week. All efforts to make wash  
ing easier have not yet materially affect  
ed it. After washing machines  
have proved a household  
necessity, the burden and wring  
ing of the laundry has been removed  
from the woman's hands. The  
tub, full of blue Monday remains  
in the week. The woman  
wringing out the clothes  
is not genuine labor,  
because they destroy the clothes  
that more labor must be given  
to wash them. The cost of new fabric  
is more than the cost of the extra  
labor. There are many superior soaps,  
but not those which profess  
to wash without labor. There  
are washing fluids, but they  
do not do the work made up at home.  
The best domestic recipe, in  
the ingredients are articles  
of a household  
nature. One of the most successful  
recipes is common benzine. When  
used by the gallon it is not  
a thing when sold by drug  
stores. It is generally sold  
in a bottle at from five to six  
pennies a quart. It is used in the  
which clothes are soaked and  
wringed. For a large tubful of  
soapy water, add a little soap and  
a quart of benzine. Look over the  
clothes carefully. Put in no colored  
things. There are many stains on the  
clothes that will not come out with  
the benzine. This should not be a  
chemical. For fruit stains  
use a little ammonia. For  
grease stains, use a little ammonia.  
For milk stains, use a little ammonia.  
For blood stains, use a little ammonia.  
For all other stains, use a little ammonia.  
After attempting to the  
benzine, use a little ammonia.  
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## CHRISTMAS FANCY WORK.

Half a Dozen Novel Designs for Pin  
cushions Which Make Pretty  
Presents.

Pin cushions are always "handy" and  
make acceptable gifts, for one never  
has too many. A pretty and  
elegant cushion seen in a shop the other  
day was long and narrow, bordered  
with a pale blue silk frill, and neatly  
pinned on the top with colored pins.  
A strip of dainty drawn thread  
with the threads being caught to  
gether with pale pink cotton.

Another cushion seen on the same  
table was small and square, covered  
with a pale blue silk frill, and neatly  
pinned on the top with colored pins.  
A little box-plated border of  
pale blue and white ribbon finished  
the exquisite little gift, which was ef  
fective and nicely put together.

A conically shaped pin cushion is  
made by extending all the corners out  
into divisions, run through with satin  
ribbon the exact width of the cushion.  
Divide each division thus made by a  
red of silk in various colors. The  
cushion seen was covered with pale  
pink silk edged with pink cord. The  
ribbon was of a dainty pink, and reels  
of silk, black, white, pink and gray,  
making an exquisite combination.  
This cushion forms a serviceable addi  
tion to a work box.

Another blue cushion consisted of  
strips of the blue satin, on which sprays  
of violets had been painted, joined by  
deep cream lace insertions.

A water-lily cushion may be formed  
by stitching white satin petals sur  
rounding a small center of yellow silk,  
and around at the base with green  
silk. The yellow center should be well  
stuffed, in order to hold the pins. Of  
course this cushion does not recom  
mend itself for everyday use, but it is  
a lovely, nevertheless, and pretty.

One other cushion, round and fat, was  
made of shaded mauve velvet; the daint  
y lace dolly pinned over it was cir  
cular in form.

To make a really useful and pretty  
pin cushion, take an old-fashioned doll,  
with a round body; cut out, as a  
foundation for the cushion, a circular  
piece of cardboard about an inch in  
diameter and make a skirt of figured  
silk for the doll that will fit about the  
neck of the circular piece of card  
board, sew securely and then fill this  
skirt with sand. Put in the doll up  
to the waist, and bring the gathered  
edge around the waist, sewing it tight  
ly. This stuffed skirt forms the pin  
cushion. The body and head of the  
doll may be dressed as fancifully as  
desired. A charming cushion of this  
sort was copied from one of Kate Green  
away babies, and another was a little  
girl's workman of about the year 1840,  
with her lace mantle and skyscraper  
bonnet—St. Louis Republic.

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## Better It is to be envied than pitied.

Johns.

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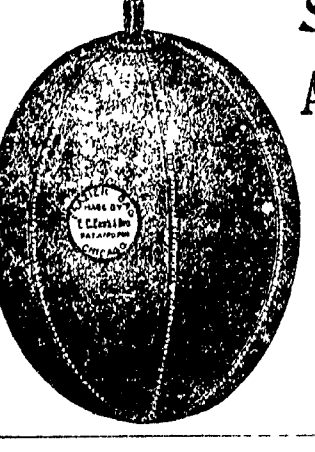
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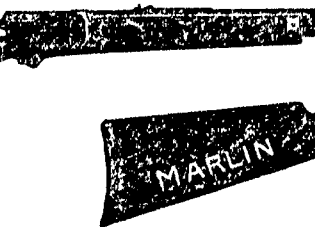
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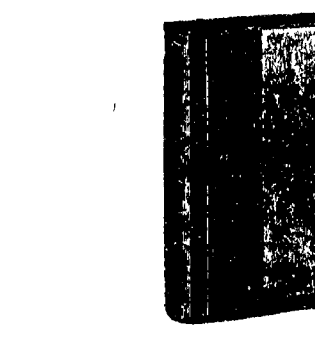
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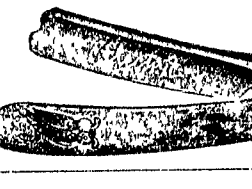
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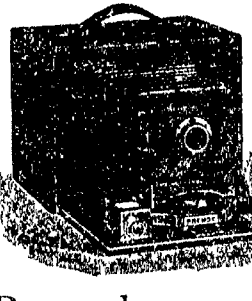
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## MILEY'S STORY

Shafter's Chief of Staff on Features  
of the Santiago Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Colonel  
Miley, General Shafter's chief of staff,  
testified today before the war investi  
gating commission concerning the  
Santiago campaign, largely following  
the lines of General Shafter's testi  
mony yesterday. He said he was un  
able to find one instance of Spanish  
sharpshooters firing on the rear. He  
spoke of the two-mile range of the  
Spanish rifles and said the position of  
the men on San Juan hill was far less  
dangerous than the half-mile tour to  
the rear.

## BARRETT'S FALL

Tragic Death of the President of a  
National Association at Concord.  
CONCORD, MASS., Dec. 21.—Col.  
Edward S. Barrett, national president  
of the Sons of the American Revolution,  
was killed by falling from a  
window at his home today. He was  
60 years of age.

## Donations Solicited.

Donations for the Christmas of the  
immature of the Anna-B. Millikin home  
are being earnestly solicited by the  
committee in charge of the entertain  
ment which will be held at the home  
on Friday afternoon. There are 13

## NEW DECISION

Judge Wood Says Common Law The  
ory of Marriage is No More.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Circuit Judge  
Wood has reversed the ruling of the  
probate court in regard to the adminis  
tration of the estate of Mrs. Mary B.  
McPherson, holding that the common  
law that gave the husband absolute  
right over the person and estate of his  
wife has ceased to exist.

## OHIO COAL RATE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Dec. 21.—The  
new freight tariff on coal from the  
Ohio fields went into effect today, as  
the result of a reduction by the Hock  
ing Valley road. The rate to Illinois  
is a six per cent cut.

## Gone Glimmering.

There have been no new cases of  
scarlet fever reported in the past three  
days and the physicians are of the  
opinion that the disease has about  
spent itself. Two new cases of the  
fever have developed in Macon this  
week, but it is not spreading to an  
alarming extent.

## GEN. MERRITT

He Will Tell All About the War in the  
Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—General  
Merritt has arrived. He will appear  
before the war investigating commis  
sion and testify as to the campaign in  
the Philippines, a feature of the war  
not yet touched by the commissioners.  
The first of the year General Mer  
ritt will take command of the depart  
ment of the east, relieving General  
Shafter.

## SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE

Is Being Handsomely Fitted Up for  
the New Officer.

The residence portion of the county  
jail and the jail office are being reno  
vated and papered for Sheriff Lehman.  
The wood work all over the house has  
been repainted and varnished and new  
paper has been put on the walls and  
the house put in good shape generally.  
Tasteful and attractive wall paper was  
selected and the interior of the house  
looks as good as new. The work has  
been done at a very low figure. The  
entire work will not cost much over  
\$100 and Sheriff Lehman will have a  
pleasant home as if he had moved  
into a new house.

## Christmas Shopping.

The disagreeable weather, muddy  
streets and clouds of fog have had very  
little effect on the Christmas trade.  
It continues to grow and the dealers  
in every line of business are having  
more business than they have had for  
five years. Christmas falling on Sun  
day makes it necessary to send all  
gifts that are sent away from the city  
at least one day earlier than they are  
usually sent, so that they may be de  
livered on the Saturday mail and ex  
press. For this reason the mails are  
heavier now than they will be the day  
before Christmas and the expression  
are taxed to their utmost to receive  
and deliver the packages. In these  
last days the buying goes merrily on  
and the anti-Christmas swappers are  
lost sight of in the enthusiasm of the  
extremists.

## IT'S A BIRD...

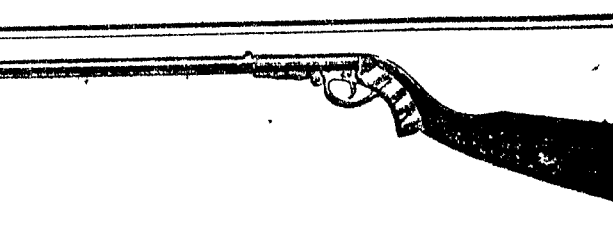
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